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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ALIMI CASE. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT ALIMI IS TO BE
RELEASED SOON AND HAVE INFORMED MAGUIRE'S OFFICE. WE
HAVE NOT INDICATED THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE DECISION WAS
MADE.

2. MARKOVIC VISIT. WE ARE, AS YOU REALIZE, NOT ALWAYS
AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN "WASHINGTON," BUT WE HOPE
YOU RECOVERED YOUR TROUSERS. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PETER ABBRUZZESE OF
THE HIRC STAFF TO SEE THAT THIS VISIT DOES NOT GET
MESSED UP LIKE THE PREVIOUS ONE DID. THE YUGOSLAVS
HERE SAID THAT NOTHING COULD BE CONFIRMED UNTIL AFTER
THE "ELECTIONS." ABBRUZZESE SAYS THAT HE ASKED MATIC
ABOUT THE VISIT ABOUT A WEEK AGO -- WHO WOULD BE COMING
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AND WHEN -- BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER. WE TAKE
YOUR MESSAGE AS CONFIRMATION AND SO INFORMED ABBRUZZESE.
WE ALSO ASKED THAT HE KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT WHAT HE'S
DOING, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE WILL NO DOUBT END UP DOING
MOST OF IT. WE WILL MEET WITH ABBRUZZESE AND MATIC NEXT
WEEK TO GO OVER PLANS. THERE IS ANOTHER ANGLE TO THIS,

AS YOU MAY GUESS. BELOVSKI WAS SOMEWHAT IRKED THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE PLANNING FOR THE GLIGOROV VISIT AND THAT NEARLY ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING HANDLED IN BELGRADE. HE ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HAVING IT PUT OFF. SO HE NOW WANTS TO BE AHEAD OF THE GAME, EVEN IF IT MEANS OVERSTATING THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE NO MESSAGES FOR MARKOVIC APART FROM OUR WELCOME FOR HIM IN JULY.

3. LUERS TRIP. SORRY FOR THE COMPLICATIONS ON THIS. AS NEARLY AS WE CAN CALCULATE, THE BEST FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FOR BILL WOULD BE THOSE IN THE OPEN MESSAGE. WE'VE SEARCHED FOR BETTER CONNECTIONS BUT TO NO AVAIL.

4. TERRORISTS. THERE IS HIGH INTEREST HERE IN THE FRG TERRORIST CASE, PARTICULARLY WHETHER THE YUGOSLAVS WILL AGREE TO EXTRADITE THEM. ANYTHING YOU CAN PICK UP ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. CAN ZAGREB HELP?

5. FOR DAVID EVANS. YOUR FAMILY PLANS TO DEPART FOR BELGRADE ON JULY 1 AND TO RETURN AUGUST 1. YOUR WIFE ASKS THAT YOU PURCHASE THE TICKETS IN BELGRADE AND SEND THEM TO HER AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

6. MISCELLANY. DARRYL CALLED MAYOR MOODY'S OFFICE IN COLUMBUS TO ASK WHETHER HE HAD TRAVELLED TO BELGRADE
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AS WE HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD. HIS STAFFER WAS VERY APOLOGETIC SAYING THAT HE HAD INDEED GONE BUT HAD NOT HAD A SPARE MINUTE TO CALL THE AMBASSADOR. HE WILL BE WRITING TO EXPLAIN. ON ANOTHER MATTER, AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN CALLED AND DARRYL REMINDED HIM OF THE MESSAGE A FEW WEEKS AGO SAYING THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NEVER RECEIVED THE LETTER AND CHECK FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECRETARY'S DEATH LAST NOVEMBER. MRS. SILBERMAN CALLED BACK TO SAY SHE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND UNDERSTOOD THAT NOTHING MORE WAS EXPECTED. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO ANYTHING MORE ON THIS, OR HAS IT BEEN TAKEN CARE OF? VANCE

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